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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 461

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FOR JOHN DEWITT (ARA/MGT) FROM DORRANCE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, JM

SUBJECT: MOTOR POOL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM KINGSTON'S SECURITY  
SITUATION

1. ALTHOUGH THERE IS LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE EMBASSY'S MOTOR POOL WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN MOST INSTANCES FOR OFFICIAL USE AFTER DUTY HOURS. NORMAL PRACTICE HAS BEEN (WHENEVER THERE IS A NEED TO MEET A VISITOR AT THE AIRPORT WITH AN OFFICIAL CAR OR TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL TRANSPORT IN THE EVENING FOR VISITORS) FOR DRIVERS TO RETURN VEHICLES TO THE EMBASSY MOTOR POOL ON DUKE ST. ON CONCLUSION OF ASSIGNED DUTIES. OWING TO THE INCREASING RATE OF VIOLENT CRIME IN THIS AREA, THE DRIVERS NOW REFUSE ENTER THIS AREA AND RETURN VEHICLES TO THE MOTOR POOL AFTER DARK. THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE -- PERMITTING THE DRIVERS TO TAKE THE VEHICLES TO THEIR HOMES -- IS EQUALLY UNACCEPTABLE OWING TO THE HIGH RISK OF AUTO THEFT IN THE AREAS WHERE OUR DRIVERS LIVE.

2. THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF THE FOREGOING IS THAT THE EMBASSY'S AMERICAN STAFF WILL HAVE TO TAKE OVER ALL OFFICIAL TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS DURING NON-DUTY HOURS.

3. THIS SITUATION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CHANCERY IS TRANSFERRED FROM DUKE ST. TO THE NEW KINGSTON AREA.

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4. PERHAPS THE ABOVE, TOGETHER WITH OUR RECENT TELEGRAMS

ON THE NEW HOUSING POLICY REQUIRING APARTMENT OR TOWN-  
HOUSE LIVING, SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO THE ALLOWANCES  
STAFF AS ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH  
REVIEW OF OUR POST DIFFERENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE.  
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